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1. Amendment
2. Transmittal letter

for:

Applicant: Blonk et al.
Serial No.: 09/889,977
Filed: January 4, 2002
For: QUICK COOKING RICE AND PROCESS TO MAKE
UNUS No.: 99-0332-UNI

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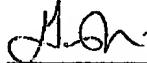
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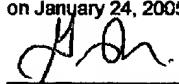
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AMENDMENT

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The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.